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Honors Humanities

**Society and Real Existence**

Read back over p.22-23 of *ITW*. Here, Krakauer contrasts life in society and some realer existence that McCandless was striving for. Notice the words he uses: *absurd, onerous, abstraction, security, material excess, stifling* on the one hand, and *unencumbered, emancipated, raw throb of existence, unfiltered experience* on the other. What do you think of this contrast? Which words strike you as true and why? Your writing should extend to a page.